got their admission in Higher Secondary and in graduation courses under the old education scheme; if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. 10+2 scheme has been im'plelnented by all the States.

(b) and (c) The Kothari Commission recommended uniform applicability of 10+2+3 system in the country. This re-commendation was reflected in the Education Policy of 1968 which recommended 10+2+3 structure. In pursuance of this policy the States have been switching over from 11 Year Higher Secondary to 12 Year Higher Secondary and the process has now been completed in all the States. The National Policy on Education 1986, has reiterated uniform structure of school education as a part of the national system of education.

(d) Enrolment in Class XII under the new 10+2 format has started in July, 1988 in Rajasthan. However, students have also joined Class XI and Graduate Courses under the old scheme. The State Government intends complete switchover to 10+2 system from, the coming academic session.

Sri Lankan President's Proposed Draft-Indo-Lanka Treaty of Friendship

*14. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA-

Will the Minister ot EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new Sri Lankan President has indicated that he will be presenting the draft of an Indo-Sri-Lanka treaty, of friendship in the near future on. the lines of Indo-Soviet treaty for India's approval and in what manner it is likely to affact the present position; and

(b) Whether the Sri Lanka Government have since sent a proposal for such a treaty, if so; what is government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIR'S (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The draft is yet to be received. Government have indicated that in principle there is no objection to such a treaty. Specific comments or reactions would be possible after receiving and examining the draft.

Withdrawal of IPKF from Sri Lanka

•15. SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to withdraw the Indian Peace Keeping Force from Sri Lanka in a phased manner;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any units of IPKF have already been withdrawn from Sri Lanka;

(d) by when the withdrawal of IPKF is expected to be completed; and

(e) to what extent the Indo-Sri Lankan accord has been implementad so far and what steps are yet to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) to (e) The duration of IPKF's stay in Sri Lanka has to be seen in the context of the implementation of the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement. With the improvement of the situation in Sri Lanka, and the progressive implementation of the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement, some units of the IPKF have been withdrawn. As the situation in the North-Eastern Province improves further; as the devolution of powers becomes effective; as the Indo-Sri Lankan